

I think it's a clear sign of how far things have gotten off the track that we are even considering putting copy protection into a BROADCAST tv standard.

When you broadcast something you through it out to as many people as humanly possible because your intent is to get as many people as possible to view it so the advertising it carries get's seen.

Home recording of broadcast media has been a protected right for decades. As long as you yourself don't try to sell those recordings to others. This proposed protection would gut that intent, or make criminals of those who circumvent the protection to record the tv content. (The one thing you can be sure of is that if some method is provided to protect the content, someone will find a way to un-protect it.)

This status quo has existed for decades, and the big network grew fat on this situation. Only since more entertaining alternatives came about has thier revinues started to slip. Encrypting the air waves isn't going to change that. All it's going to do is reduce yet another reason to watch thier product. Instead of spending money on producing better content, which would entice me to watch thier transmissions, they are spending the money on lawyers. They don't seem to realize that this will only annoy Joe Average consumer and drive himn even further away to other alternatives.

Do the tv networks, and the viewing public, all a favor and protect these fools from themselves.....

Don't encrypt the public airways.